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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPKINTON.

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1869.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

Wherein they find them chargeable with cash received in 1st. sundry ways, as follows:

Cash hired of su	indry persons,	\$2,623.66
Cash received for	or Savings Bank tax,	728.89
66	Railroad tax,	394.14
66	United States bounty,	240.00
66	Literary Fund, 1868,	86.58
46	Use of derrick,	10.00
66	Joseph Hazelton, for clay,	12.00
56	Lumber sold,	3.10
66	County paupers,	202.87
66	From agent town farm,	300.00
66	Dog tax for schooling,	287.00
66	Use of derrick,	7.50
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\$4.895.74

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid into town treasury, as per Treasurer's receipts, \$4.895.74

2d. An account wherein they find the Selectmen n account wherein they had the Treasurer, charged with orders drawn on the Treasurer, 12,354.82

amounting to

Which is accounted for as follows:

School Districts.

Paid I	District	No. 1,		\$145.11
	66	2,		103.89
	66	3.		98.00
	66	4.		81.81
	66	5.		78.87
	66	6,		92.12
	66	7.		114.20
	66	8,		83.28
	66	9,	0	72.99

Paid District No. 10,	189.27
11,	105.36
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" 14.	75.92
" 16,	78.87
" 17,	74.40
18, 24, 60 (1.0)	67.09
" 19,	118.61
" 20,	136.28
21, 24, 5 770 6 8 8 7 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	71.51 69.94
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\$2	,032.92
Town Debts Paid.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
TATELOW TO SELECT THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY	,556.60
	,000.00
Support of Paupers.	
Paid S. Curtice & Son, goods furnished Lydia Howard,	10.00
S. Curtice & Son, goods furnished Gould Brown,	12.15
D. Seavey, assistance to Gould Brown,	2.00
Catharine Burbank, nursing at Gould Brown's, G. C. Blaisdell, medical aid to M. Kezer's family,	6.00 26.00
R. T. Crowell, articles furnished to J. G. Dwinnels.	
N. E. Philbrick, board and nursing Diantha Reed,	16.00
S. Curtice & Son, goods delivered J. M. Austin,	9.35
" goods delivered G. P. Abbott,	8.00
G. C. Blaisdell, medical aid to J. G. Dwinnels,	* 5.20
Moses Colby, taking depositions on pauper cases,	6.42
Phebe Barton, support of Hiram Straw,	52.00
G. C. Blaisdell, medical aid to George Barry, John A. Peters, board and nursing George Barry,	3.00 5.00
Moses Colby, aid to Julia Lynch and a transient	0.00
person,	8.00
G. C. Blaisdell, medical aid to Diantha Reed,	8.00
Moses Colby, wood for Stephen Farrington,	3.00
N. E. Philbrick, helping transient person,	.75
David Tucker, board of county paupers,	82.17
" salary as agent town farm,	280.00
J. W. Wilson, medical aid to G. Brown's wife, "Alonzo Green,	6.35 6.25
Alonzo Green,	0.20
00 00	

\$564.64

Repairing Roads and Bridges.

	Teput, trig Tetato and Triaget.	
aid	M. T. Kimball, labor on highway, District No. 36,	5.00
	John Patch, " 34,	1.85
	Thomas C. White, labor on Henniker bridge,	.50
	S. Curtice & Son, spikes for Rowell's bridge,	4.90
	Amos H. Davis, plank for Rowell's bridge,	1.65
200	Moses Colby, labor on Rowell's bridge,	5.00
	Isaac Rowell, for M. S. Smith, labor on Rowell's	
	bridge,	7.75
	John F. Howlett, labor on Rowell's bridge,	7.75
		10.84
	William S. Emerson, labor on Rowell's bridge,	9.00
		22.78
	Hazen Kimball, labor on highway,	2.50
	Abial R. Chandler, repairing road, District No. 24,	1.05
	Timothy Colby, bridge plank, "31,	3.84
	Seth Tuttle, repairing road, " 4,	4.80
		21.60
	Charles H. Smith, repairing road, District No. 53,	5.00
	Ebenezer French, "9,	2.10
	Isaac Rowell, snowing Rowell's bridge,	5.00
	David Seavey, railing two bridges,	11.00
	Thomas J. Burbank, lighting Contoocook bridge,	13.70
	Benjamin C. Clough, labor on road in 1867,	.75
	B. J. Chapman, snowing Blackwater and Tyler's	
	bridges,	10.00
	Samuel A. Hardy, repairing road in District No. 20.	, 5.50
	Marsh Richardson, repairing Buswell's bridge,	4.95
	Walter C. Ager, plank for culvert,	2.00
	Albert Crowell, repairing road, District No. 52,	2.91
	William M. Sweatt, " 30,	3.15
	Moses W. Burbank, " 12,	3.75
	\$1	80.62
	Breaking Roads.	
2.1.1		&1 00
ald	Reuben R. Chase, District No. 15,	\$1.88
	Jacob Douge,	.90
	James II. I utham,	5.10
	deorge monigomery,	3.30
	Darach Chase,	2.92
	Diephen W. Darbank,	1.95
	James M. Hook, " 20,	7.50

Paid Thomas E. White,	breaking	g road and	snowing	
bridge, in District				10.65
David M. Eaton, I				15.54
William R. Chase,	66	48,		3.68
Thomas Lord,	66	36,		11.08
T. S. French,	"	53,		20.00
E. G. Kimball,	66	43,		16.05
Jacob Weeks,	66	41,		4.30
James Hoyt,	"	26,		14.25
George K. Goodrich		38,		13.27
Sullivan Flanders,	, (6	50,		9.15
John. F. Huntoon,	66	5,		12.15
William W. Dodge,	66	7,	A LA LINE	1.50
Madison Howe,	66	18,		15.25
Langdon Brown,	66	32,		24.00
Charles Putnam,	66	4,		5.55
Ansel G. Holmes,	66	8,		22.64
William S. Straw,	66	24,		6.87
	46	28,		7.53
Joseph Richardson,		11,		
F. J. Campbell,	- 66	11,		17.47
George B. Hilan,	66	39,		
John W. Page,	"	35,		7.85
James M. Hook,	46	20,		.49
Charles D. Rand,	66	19,		20.21
William Perry,	66	49,		9.15
M. B. Harrington,	66	34,		9.14
Marsh Richardson,	66	33,		9.60
M. W. Burbank,	66	12,		10.72
Seth Davis,	66	12,		11.62
Jeremiah Abbott,	No divers	33,	Billian + 12	12.90
			WELLE WAR	\$355.06
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	Town O	licers.		
Paid Moses Colby, Select	man,			\$126.00
H. H. Crowell, "				84.00
C. F. Hardy, "				82.00
G. A. Curtice, Clerk	ζ,			25.00
G. A. Curtice, Trea	surer,			30.00
R. T. Crowell,	6			10.00
David Seavey, Colle	ctor,			98.00
D. H. Sanborn, Sup		ing School	Committee.	, 40.00
C. W. Burnham,	66	66	68	37.00

Paid G. A. Curtice, Superintending School Committee	, 14.00
Contempo and which is sould place to the	\$546.00
Abatement of Taxes.	. 47. 22.
Paid J. M. Bailey's list for 1864 and '65,	25.20
G. B. Hardy's list for 1866,	138.65
David Seavey's list for 1867 and '68,	295.02
Isaac D. Merrill, Precinct Tax, 1864 and '65,	9.02
Doublet, three days labor on commer totals for	\$467.89
Miscellaneous.	
Paid D. W. Cogswell, sheriff's fee, Hopkinton vs.	
Henniker, 1867,	\$3.06
	3.00
James Ash, damage of sheep by dogs, Joseph Richardson, "	6.00
David Tucker,	5.00
Harvey Chase, "	2.00
Marsh Richardson, "	5.00
Elizabeth Buswell, "	3.00
D. B. Davis, board, settling with auditors,	10.00
Hiram Blanchard, wood and care of town house,	4.04
Ebenezer Flanders, services as selectman after	1.01
March 1st,	3.50
L. D. Evans, auditor's services,	12.00
J. Barnard, Jr., part of school house tax, District	0.74
No. 10,	3.71
Moses Colby, for printing town reports,	65.00
dog tax, drawn for schooling,	287.00
A. D. Howard, notifying town officers,	42.92
D. H. Sanborn, making school report to Secre-	9.00
tary of State,	3.00
E. D. French, damage by defect of highway in Contoocook,	30.00
Seth Tuttle, storage of weights and measures in 18	
R. T. Crowell, oil to light Contoocook bridge,	.60
Seth Tuttle, self, team, and cash paid for sealing	
weights and measures,	5.82
Timothy Colby, sawing lumber for cemetery fence	, 10.67
Horace Edmands, bridge wrench,	1.00
Moses Colby, services as selectman after March 1s	
C. S. Lerned, storage of hearse one year, Carlos F. Hardy, repairing fence on Clement's	3.00
Hill Cemetery,	9.61

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Taid b. IX. benets, sawing lence pickets for cemetery	, 0.0.
I. W. Fellows, repairing windows in town house,	3.80
James H. Emerson, damage to self by reason of	
stone in highway,	•70.00
David Seavey, abatement of taxes in list of 1867	/
William Palmer, drawing lumber for cemetery fer	
George W. French, labor on new cemetery,	8.50
E. B. Dunbar, three days labor on cemetery fend	
Albert Hardy, two days labor on	4.00
David L. Gage, nails and spikes for "	5.76
Moses Story, one days labor on cemetery road,	1.78
Horace Edmands, wrench for Rowell's bridge,	1.50
L. A. P. Stanwood, abatement of tax paid in	
Sanbornton,	8.80
Joseph Barnard, Jr., fence picks for cemetery,	13.98
Moses Colby, paid for books and stationery,	41.26
	15.00
paid H. P. Rolfe, counsel,	
Isaac Story, interest in Lerned legacy,	25.00
James Colby, care of derrick one year,	2.00
George H. Lock, abatement of D. Lock's poll tax	
Moses Colby, revenue and postage stamps,	5.60
" horse hire and expenses,	9.00
H. H. Crowell, time, expenses and horse hire out	
of town,	8.00
C. F. Hardy, time, expenses and horse hire out	
of town,	6.00
D. H. Sanborn, horse hire, stationery and pos-	7000
tage stamps,	9.00
C. W. Burnham, books for indigent children, ex-	0.00
	5.05
press on books and horse hire,	5.95
G. A. Curtice, horse hire, visiting schools,	5.00
recording births, deaths and marria	
books, stationery and postage,	1.98
books furnished indigent children,	
" notifying jurors,	10.00
David Seavey, non-resident highway tax paid in	
labor,	.58
Moses Colby, labor on new cemetery,	14.50
and the state of t	1/10
	\$831.53
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School House Tax.	
Paid E. G. Kimball and G. N. Watkins, tax in Dis-	
twist No 5	@100 00

Paid James Hoyt and W. S. Straw, tax in District No. 3, 100 Mark to make the first to the Precinct Tax. Paid I. D. Merrill, in part for 1864-5 and 1868, in . Contoocook, \$154.19 Total amount, \$12,354.82 The Auditors find the account of the Selectmen properly vouched, correctly cast, and perfectly satisfactory. LEWIS D. EVANS, EBENEZER FLANDERS, Auditors. IRA DIAMOND, Hopkinton, February 24, 1869. Financial Condition of the Town. Amount of notes, principal and interest, against the town, February 24, 1869, Due on J. M. Bailey's list for 1865, \$9.07 102.13 112.65 G. B. Hardy's do. 1866, D. Seavey's do. 1867, D. Seavey's do. 1868, 1,155.46 J. D. Merrill, precinct list, Cash in treasury, as per auditors' report, 1,646.84 \$3,029.45 Whole amount of indebtedness, \$45,129.09 AUDITORS' REPORT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT. G. A. Curtice in account with the town of Hopkinton, as Treasurer for 1868. 1st. A tax account wherein they find the Treasurer charged with taxes assessed for the year 1868, and committed to David Seavey, Collector; namely,

Town tax.

Contoocook precinct tax,

. \$7,481.62

155.24

School-house tax, District No. 3, 274.74 School-house tax, District No. 5, 469.19 Collected as interest to February 23d, 25.00	\$8,405.79
Which is accounted for as for as follows:	
Cash received of Collector, \$7.250.33 Taxes remaining uncollected, 1,155.46	8,405.79
2d. An account of Literary Fund, in which they find him charged with securities on hand March 1, 1868, \$480.00 Cash collected as interest, 43.60 Cash in treasury, .03	\$ 523. 6 3
Which is accounted for as follows:	
Securities on hand March 1, 1869, \$280.00 Cash collected as principal, and carried to cash account, 200.00	
Cash collected as interest and carried to cash account, Cash in treasury, 43.60	\$ 523.63
3d. An account of Lerned legacy, in which they find him charged with securities on hand March 1, 1868, \$500.00 Cash collected as interest, 45.00	\$545.00
Which is accounted for as follows:	
Securities on hand March 1, 1869, \$500.00 Cash collected as interest and carried to	
cash account, 45.00	\$545.00
4th. Cash account in which they find the Treasurer charged as follows: Cash and securities on hand, as per settlement March 1, 1868, \$1,686.82 Cash received of collector for 1868, 7,250.33 Securities for taxes uncollected on list for 1868 Cash collected as principal on Literary Fund, 200.00	

Cash collected as interest on Lit. Fund, " Lerned legacy	
Cash received of selectmen for money	2,623.66
Cash received of selectmen for sav-	,
ings' bank tax,	728.89
Cash rec'd of selectmen for railroad tax,	394.14
Cash received of selectmen for United	
States bounty,	240.00
Cash rec'd of selectmen for Lit. Fund,	
Cash rec'd of selectmen for use of derric	
Cash received of selectmen for clay sole	
(town farm,)	12.00
Cash rec'd of selectmen for lumber sold	
Cash received of selectmen for County	
support of paupers,	202.87
Cash received of selectmen for town	
farm,	300.00
Cash received of selectmen for dog tax,	
for schooling,	287.00
	\$15,276.95
Thich is accounted for as follows:	
sundry orders drawn by selectmen, am to \$12	ounting
Securities due from town taxes for	
	,382.61
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The auditors certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the town of Hopkinton, and find them well vouched, correctly cast, and satisfactory

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LEWIS D. EVANS,
EBENEZER FLANDERS,
IRA DIMOND,

Auditors.

1,646.84

Hopkinton, February 24, 1869.

February 24, 1869,

Cash on hand, as per settlement

Paid

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Hay, Stock, and Provisions.

	and
straw, 70.00,	\$254.00
2 oxen, 230.00; 4 cows, 210.00; 12 sheep, 35.00	
2 shotes, 38.00; 68 bushels of corn, 85.00; 20 bushels of corn, 85.00;	
oats, 15.00,	138.00
bushs. peas, 1.00; 3 bushs. beans, 9.00,	10.00
110 bushs. potatoes, 74.00; 4 bushs. apples, 4.00; 1 cider, 4.00,	82.00
Garden sauce, 2.50; 42 lbs. dried apple, 4.20,	6.70
60 lbs. beef, 9.00; 13 bbls. pork, 67.00; hams, 24.	
80 lbs. lard, 16.60; 35 lbs. butter, 14.00; 180 l	
cheese, 35.00,	65.60
3 bbl. beef, 12.00; 44 lbs. tallow, 5.28; 15 doz. ca	ın-
dles, 2.25,	19.53
½ bbl. flour, 5.00; 4 bushs. meal, 3.25,	8.25
3 doz. eggs, .90; salt, .60; spices, .20,	1.70
½ lb. tea, .62; 3 lbs. coffee, .37; 4 lbs. sugar .60,	1.59
1 bbl. vinegar, 4.00; molasses, .52; 1 lb. soda, .10	
Kercosene, .16; 6 lbs. fish, .48; tobacco, .25,	.89
8½ lbs. yarn, 10.00; 10 prs. feetings, 5.00; matches,	
Soap, 4.00; soap grease, 1.50; ashes, 2.00,	7.50
	\$1,190.70
1000 Day Fotallishment	\$1,190.70
1868. Pauper Establishment,	DR.
Mar. 1. To cash in agent's hands, \$9.58	Dr.
Mar. 1. To cash in agent's hands, \$9.58 Real estate, 2,200.00	DR.
Mar. 1. To cash in agent's hands, Real estate, Hay, stock and provisions, 2,200.00 1,334.21	DR.
Mar. 1. To cash in agent's hands, Real estate, Hay, stock and provisions, Tools and furniture, \$9.58 2,200.00 1,334.21 265.00	DR.
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Mar. 1. To cash in agent's hands, Real estate, Hay, stock and provisions, Tools and furniture, Interest on real estate, Agent's salary, CREDIT. \$9.58 2,200.00 1,334.21 265.00 132.00 280.00	DR.
Mar. 1. To cash in agent's hands, Real estate, Hay, stock and provisions, Tools and furniture, Interest on real estate, Agent's salary, CREDIT. Mar. 1. By real estate, \$2,200.00 1,334.21 265.00 132.00 280.00	DR.
Mar. 1. To cash in agent's hands, Real estate, Hay, stock and provisions, Tools and furniture, Interest on real estate, Agent's salary, CREDIT. \$9.58 2,200.00 1,334.21 265.00 132.00 280.00	DR.

By cash paid selectmen, Cash in agent's hands, 300.00 32.98

- \$3,988.68

Balance against establishment,

\$232.08

MOSES COLBY,
HENRY H. CROWELL,
CARLOS F. HARDY,

Moses Colby,
of
Hopkinton

Hopkinton, February 24, 1869.

AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Agent on the Pauper Farm, makes the following report for the year ending March 1, 1869.

Produce Raised.

24 tons English hay; 8 tons stock hay; 4 tons of straw and corn fodder; 90 bushels corn; 60 bushels oats; 165 bushels potatoes; 5 bushels turnips; 5 bushels beets; 3 bushels carrots; 5 bushels cucumbers; 75 cabbages; 75 lbs. squash; 2 cart loads pumpkins; 3 bushel peas; 6 bushels beans; 140 bushels apples; 336 lbs. cheese; 1020 lbs. pork; 565 lbs. beef; 330 lbs. butter.

Expenditures.

91 lbs. sugar, 14.21; 15 gals. molasses, 10.30; 137-8
lbs. tobacco, 9.15, \$33.66
80 3-4 lbs. fish, 6.55; mackerel, 1.80; 4 pr. shoes, 7.50, 15.85
8 lbs. tea, 10.22; filing saw, .30; doctor's bill and
medicine, 6.15,
Ax handles, .50; 4 brooms, 1.70; 24 lbs. coffee, 3.25, 5.45
3 handkerchiefs, .50; 1 lb. cream tarter, 62; 1 shirt, 1.00, 2.12
Spices, 1.27; raisins, .50; 1 1-2 days ox work, 1.87, 3.64
Shoeing horse, 8.00; 3-4 bush potatoes, 50; grass seed,
4.55,
2 boxes mustard, .38; garden seeds, .10; one cook
stove, 25.00,
Thread, .94; mending tin, .40; 1-2 bbl. superphosphate
lime, 2.50 , 3.84
7 lbs. nails, .44; sheep shears, 1.25; alcohol and
whiskey, 1.25, 2.94
Tin ware, 5.26; coffee pot, .65; camphor gum, .15, 6.06

Earthern ware, .42; crockery, .25; 2 lbs.	starch, .30, .97
Crackers, 1.75; shovel, 1.25; having too	
Repairing pump, 1.25; 1 gal. boiled cider,	
ering, .20,	2.45
9 yards delaine, 1.50; 24 yards print, 3	
twine, .19,	5.65
8 yards crash, 1.27; 4 bbls. flour, 51.00;	
5 lbs. soda, .50; onions, 1.20; 1 hat, .25	; 1 hood, 1.00, 2.95
4 bushs. rye, 6.00; 3-4 lbs. snuff, .75; 3	
Meat bill, 17.85; fixing axes, 1.50; rosing	
33 yards cotton cloth, 5.00, boot lacings,	
boar, .50,	5.70
Use of bull, 1.34; 2 baskets, 1.40; mop	
Matches, 1.12; 1 lb. ginger, .40; 1-2 lb.	
Shearing sheep, .90; carding and coloring	
Cheese strainers, .36; essence, .40; soap,	
97.70,	99.16
Oil, 1.90; 4 yards cambric, .50; 3 yards	pant cloth, 2.13, 4.53
1 tray, .92; thrashing oats, 4.13; non-resid	
Funeral expenses of Frazier, 12.00; Brist	
Pins and needles, .16; stationery, 20; bu	
Paid selectmen,	300.00
Receipts.	•
Cash on hand, 9.55; 22 lbs. lard, 3.88;	for labor,
3.75;	\$16.18
214 lbs. butter, 90.68; 1 keg, 1.00; 5	54 1-8 lbs.
tallow, 6.00;	97.68
29 1-2 doz. eggs, 7.76; hay and straw, 1	21.89; 75
lbs. pork, 11.25;	140.90
56 prs. feeting, 28.00; keeping peddler, .	50; beans,
1.41;	29.91
Old iron, 5.00; oats, 17.37; 3 1-2 bush.	corn, 5.28; 27.65
80 1-4 lbs. ham, 14.76; 4 calves, 31.00;	
27.50;	73.26
Potatoes, 29.10; damage to sheep by d	logs, 5.00;
shingles, 4.25;	38.35
1 shote, 15.00; pigs, 20.50; 6 lbs. apple,	1.14; 36.64
51 1-4 lbs. cheese, 9.00; use plow, .25; 2	gals. soap,
.25;	9.50
18 1-4 lbs. unwashed wool, 5.47; use of l	land, 4.00;
cider, 30.75;	40.22
Meadow grass, 16.00; 8 chickens, 3.36	; 108 lbs.
beef, 10.80;	30.16

64 lbs. hide, 6.40; 2 lbs. yarn, 2.50; 2 lbs. rolls,	
1.50;	10.40
Received for board of county paupers, 106.25;	106.25
Pasturing sheep, 11.00; 2131-4 lbs. pork, 27.04; 3	
hens, 1.50.	18.50
Use of cider mill,	39.54
	715.11
Expenditures,	682.13
Cash in agents hands, Feb. 24, 1869.	\$ 32.98
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DAVID TUCKER, Agent on Town Farm.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of Hopkinton, N. H., respectfully present this, their Annual Report, of the condition of Schools the current year, ending March 9, 1869, as required

by the General Statutes of New Hampshire.

The Committee have attended to their duties as prescribed by law; have visited all the sessions of schools, at least twice, and sometimes more. They have given needed counsel to teachers, to aid them the better to discharge their responsible duties. The children and youth have been encouraged to study, to improve their time, to form habits of industry, to love virtue, to practice that discipline in the developing process of education, and to progress in treasuring up that amount of knowledge which they will need to become useful and valuable citizens.

Our schools have been favored, mostly, with experienced and well qualified teachers. Good success has generally attended their labors. Portions of them excelled, and truly magnified their office. The deportment of teachers, with few exceptions, has been urbane and uniform. Abruptness in a teacher is a great fault, and should be avoided. A polished taste and cultivated manners give ease of access, inspire confidence, and establish influence over mind, permanent and enduring.

The School Committee of last year recommended a change in geographies, and then gave a reason for such a change.

Note. "Guyot's Geographies. Your committee have recommended and introduced the Elementary' and Intermediate' grades of this excellent series for use in our schools. The result of one term's use has fully justified their introduction. An unusual interest has been awakened on the part of scholars,

and teachers are nearly unanimous in their praise.

"Their benefits have not been fully realized as yet, and though a great impulse has been given to this branch of study, we shall look for better and better work, from both teacher and pupils, for years to some, as they become imbued with the spirit, and familiar with the methods of the unrivalled author and teacher. It speaks unmistakably for the merits of the book, that a larger number of copies by two-fifths have been taken and used, than were before used of all kinds."

C. W. B.

Town's Progressive Readers, Revised and Enlarged.

This excellent series of books is the only one now used in our schools. All the old editions of books have been exchanged for new ones by the enterprising and liberal publisher, book for book, where the books had not been much injured by use. small boot, in a few instances, was required between worn and defaced books, and new ones. New pieces of better adaptation to the inflections of the voice, and of more thrilling and inspiring sentiments, had been interspersed through the revised and enlarged series, so that there was great inconvenience in using the old and new editions in the same class, occasioning a loss of time of both teacher and pupil in selecting lessons common to both editions. In some of the books, twenty pages of choice selections have been added, thus rendering these superior reading books admirably adapted to the wants of common schools. The town has received a great benefit from this arrangement. The committee do not regard this as the change of a text-book. The same book is still recommended.

What Books must be used in Schools by Law.

By Section 13, Chapter LXXXI, General Statutes of New Hampshire, "The parents, masters or guardians of the scholars attending schools, shall supply such scholars with the books required to be used in schools."

List of Text Books

Legally recommended, and the only ones authorized to be used in the District Schools in Hopkinton, N. H.

Reading—Town's Series, revised and enlarged.

Speller and Definer-Town's.

Arithmetic—Greenleaf's Series, and Greenleaf's Algebra.

Geographies—Guyot's Series.

Penmanship—Payson, Dunton and Scribner.

English Grammar—Brown's Series.

U. S. History—Quackenbos' and Child's United States.

Physiology—Jarvis's.

Book-Keeping—Mayhew's—recommended two years since. By advice of the State Superintendent, the School Register will be lodged with the Clerks of the several school districts.

The readers of this report are referred to the several topics of last year's School Report for definite, useful suggestions.

To learn the condition of district schools, read the individual report of each. Carefully peruse the statistical table on the last page of this report.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term-Miss Priscilla A. Kimball taught this school during the Summer term, and labored untiringly for the inter-

ests of her pupils. A portion of the school appreciated her efforts, and made commendable progress. But this district is confessedly one of the most discouraging for a good teacher. Public sentiment should make tardiness and idleness disgraceful. Let these vices be viewed with the reprobation they deserve by the parents and friends, and they will be cradicated and an interest in study awakened.

Winter School—George W. Currier, Esq., teacher. Mr. Currier entered his school with earnestnes and energy, always at his post. His instruction was thorough, and the progress of his school was great, greater than on any former occasion under my observation. His scholars in Guyot's Geography, passed a very satisfactory examination on two maps normally delineated on the black-board. The class in book-keeping went through the book. 269 times tardy; by no means creditable to the district.

DISTRICT No 2.

Summer School—Miss Mary E. Rowell, teacher. Miss Rowell taught here for the first time. She appeared zealously engaged, exerting herself for the best interest of her school. From what we saw of the school, we should judge that good progress was made.

Winter School—Mr. E. Harvey Edmunds taught the Winter term of this school. His energy and devotion to the work in hand sensibly affected those under his care, and they made as great improvement as could be reasonably expected during a term so short. This school has been regarded in some respects as difficult to control; we hope that all who hereafter attend, will remember that the school-room is a place for study and implicit obedience.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer School—Miss Julia R. Clough, of Webster, commenced the Summer term of this school with a degree of interest which promised well for success. But this promise was not entirely fulfilled. The teacher, however, should be absolved from all, blame. A more experienced teacher might have been discouraged under the circumstances. If the enforcement of necessary discipline must kindle the passions of parents or guardians into a blaze, and if they must consult their passions rather than the good of the scholar, or the interest of the school, then let them say good-bye to successful schools, and have done with them at once.

Winter School—The services of E. Harvey Edmunds were secured for a portion of the Winter term. It is needless to say that those who attended the school were orderly, and applied themselves to their studies. Mr. Edmunds is a faithful and

competent teacher, and it is no reflection upon him that some of the pupils were taken out of school. He was under a previous engagement and could not remain through the term. Miss Clara A. Flanders was engaged to complete it. She labored well, and commendable improvement was manifest; and we wish that we could say that she had the sympathy and co-operation she deserved. Unfortunately, she had to contend against the same adverse influences as her predecessors. B.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer School—Miss Josie Page, of Sutton, N. H., teacher, during the Summer term, gained the respect and confidence of both scholars and parents, proved herself every way worthy of regard. Excellent order characterized the school. At the teacher's request, whispering was entirely banished from the the school-room. There was an earnest desire to improve, and the advancement was eminently satisfactory.

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Winter School—The Winter term was taught by Miss Eva F. Burnham. Under this experienced and efficient teacher, this school continued to maintain its well earned reputation for order and love of study. It is one of our most advanced schools, having a much wider range of studies than the usual limits of a district school. The least that parents can do to reward their children is to give them a decent school house. B.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer and Winter Schools—Miss Cordelia M. Withee, of Sutton, N. H., teacher. At our second visit, the order was good, and the progress satisfactory. Elementary instruction received attention. The improvement in the Winter school was fair. The rules for reading did not receive attention. Self-reliance should be the motto of older scholars; they should study their text-books, and digest their lessons, not relying on their teacher to solve all their problems, like placing food in the mouth of a bird without any effort of its own. The new school house erected will not be occupied until next year.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Summer and Winter terms were both taught by Miss Ellen H. Sargent. Her aim has been to awaken an interest in study. Her incessant efforts for this end have been rewarded by a perceptible improvement, a result which reflects no light praise upon her perseverance and skill. This school is easily governed, but has been known as dull. It has a more hopeful future.

DISTRICT No. 7.

This school was taught during the Summer and Winter terms by Miss Ruth A. Livingston, of North Troy, Vt., an experienced

teacher. This is an interesting school. The scholars love their books, and are obedient. The results of the Summer term were highly gratifying. The Winter term was much broken towards its close from illness and other causes, and many of the most advanced pupils were not present at the examination. We can speak, without reservation, in praise of teacher and scholars. Something should be done to provide a suitable building for a school house.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The Summer Term of this school was taught by Miss Anna R. Clifford, an ambitious and enthusiastic teacher. She writes that her "pupils were obedient, and from higher motives than hope of reward or fear of punishment." She won universal love and esteem. The school is one of our best. In Miss Clifford's untimely death, we suffer a great public loss.

Miss Priscilla A. Kimball, taught the Winter Term. There were several more scholars than in the Summer. The school was orderly and studious, and we may remark, by the way, that in such schools, there are always advanced classes. Miss Kimball has added to her reputation as a good teacher by teaching in her own district to the entire satisfaction of all.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Winter School—Mrs. Helen M. Eastman, teacher. This was a quiet and pleasant school. The progress was good. The efforts of the teacher were successful; only one term.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer School—Miss Susan C. Eastman, of Henniker, teacher. Miss Eastman is a teacher of large experience, with a manner of teaching peculiar to herself; a hard and earnest worker, making everything connected with the school as practical as possible. We would, however, suggest that too much time should not be spent for the last day.

Winter Term—This district obtained the services of Mr. Edward A. Merrill, a Dartmouth student. Mr. Merrill labored earnestly to make the term profitable to all. Those who were willing to improve the opportunity, made good progress. The classes in reading evinced unusually good drill. Where so much was excellent, we are sorry to find any fault, but feel constrained to say that there was a partial failure in the government of the school. We believe that good order is as essentially required in the school-room as in reading or spelling; and if moral suasion fails, some remedy must be applied which will secure it.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer School-Miss Mary E. Brown, teacher. This is one of the smartest schools in town. At our first visit, we antici-

pated a profitable term. The teacher was untiring in her efforts, and she was nobly seconded by her pupils; great praise is due them for their good deportment. At our second visit, our anticipations were fully realized, showing conclusively that an able, hard-working teacher, with smart scholars, necessarily makes a smart school.

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Winter School-Miss Mary E. Brown, taught two weeks, and

then left in consequence of ill health

Winter School—Mrs. Thomas B. Richardson, teacher. This lady taught through the term. The order at the close of the school was good. The spirit of kindness ruled and predominated. The instruction was practical and thorough in all the branches, and the progress very satisfactory. The class in Guyot's Geography excelled. The efforts at primary mapdrawing were highly creditable. Whispering was in a measure suppressed. The ten following scholars did not whisper through the term except by permission, namely, Silvie E. Clough, Mary E. Clough, Flora E. Clough, Georgie A. Kezer, Sarah A. Dunbar, Ida J. Hardy, Frank P. Annis, Charles C. Annis, Joseph S. Clough, and True W. Rand.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer School—Miss Mary P. Sargent, teacher. This was an orderly, quiet and well managed school. Elementary general instruction, received a proper share of attention, such as the rules for reading, sentential pauses, classification, &c. Commendable progress was made in all the studies.

Winter School—Miss Joanna Richardson, teacher. The scholars were interested in their studies, and made good progress in the several branches pursued, direct, general, and elementary.

Miss Richardson ranks among our best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Summer School—Miss Joanna Richardson, teacher. The teacher was earnest, faithful and devoted to her vocation. Good improvement was the result.

Winter School—Miss Susan C. Eastman, of Henniker, teacher. Great harmony prevailed in this school among teacher, pupils, and parents. The teacher worked hard, and infused her own enthusiasm into the minds of her scholars. This school is No. 1, and the most advanced in town. Great progress was made in all the studies; much general instruction was given. Several well executed maps were delineated on the black-board by older scholars, as taught by Guyot's Geography, and intelligently explained. They classified well, and gave the meaning of many geographical proper names. Miss Eastman says, "six scholars went through the National Arithmetic and reviewed. A majority of the class not only did do every exam-

ple, but could do every one when the term closed. The classes in Algebra and Book-keeping, went through the book; in Geometry, to the fourth proposition." I visited the school a few days before its final close. Two lovely young children then present soon sickened and died. An adult young lady full of life and hope, since the close of last winter's school, has deceased. These sudden deaths cast a gloom over the school. God bless the afflicted and sanctify these providences for their spiritual good. The teacher alludes specifically to the labors of the committee. For these, she has his thanks. The scholars in District No. 13, made me a valuable present, strongly represented, at the residence of kind neighbors. This memorial of their respect will stand among my endearments of life, and will never be forgotten. Sickness and death caused the school to close prematurely, two weeks before the allotted time.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Summer and Winter Schools—Miss H. Matilda Palmer, teacher. Good proficiency was made in the several studies pursued in this small school. Elementary and general questions were promptly answered. The teacher labored faithfully and successfully for the best good of her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Summer School—Miss Abbie E. Wood, of Henniker, teacher. This was Miss Wood's first school. At our visits, the school appeared quiet and orderly. Good progress was made. c.

Winter School—Mr. Thomas B. Richardson, teacher. This is emphatically a No. 1 school. The teacher not only sustained his high reputation of former years, but surpassed himself. Study and experience have augmented his ability to give improved instruction. New formulas shortening the process of solving problems in Arithmetic were illustrated from the blackboard. The proficiency of this school in all the studies was excellent. The spring term of Contoocook Academy, under Mr. Richardson, commenced February 24, 1869.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Summer and Winter Schools—Miss Sarah U. Kimball, teacher. At our last visit, the order was good. The example of the older scholars contributed to this result. Miss Kimball is mild, faithful and industrious, and teaches well. The progress in study was excellent, and her services were acceptable to the district.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Summer School—Miss Jennie B. Abbott, of Concord, teacher. This was Miss Abbott's first attempt at teaching, and it proved

very successful. The school is small, but wide awake; at the

close, it showed a very decided improvement.

Winter School—Henry C. Brown, teacher. This is a happy, pleasant, and well disposed school. The teacher was at home in the school-room. His image was reflected by his pupils. This school passed a good examination in their studies; excelled in the new system of Geography and classification, and were prompt in answering elementary and general questions.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Summer School—Mrs. Nellie M. Staniels, of East Concord, teacher. Mrs. Staniels is an experienced teacher, and the district was fortunate in securing her services. Everything connected with the management of the school was in perfect order. Under such circumstances, the improvement was necessarily good.

Winter School—The Winter term, in this district, has been a pleasant and profitable one to all well-disposed scholars—Mrs. Nellie M. Staniels labored with her usual efficiency in this school. The progress of her pupils constitutes the highest praise of her qualifications as a teacher. Tardiness is a great evil in this school. The number of marks equals that of District No. 1.

DISTRICT No. 20.

Summer School-Mrs. Helen M. Eastman, teacher. She labored for the best interest of her pupils, and a corresponding

degree of improvement was made.

Winter School—The winter term of this school was taught by the well-known and approved teacher, Mr. Charles Gould, Esq. Most of the scholars are backward in their studies, but made commendable progress. This school, like some others in this part of the town, was more or less interrupted by sickness. The term closed unexpectedly, and the examination occurred without review; but it was evident that the studies had been well understood and learned in the first instance.

DISTRICT No. 21.

Winter School—only one term — Mr. Charles E. French, teacher. There were only two scholars in attendance here till the last week or two of the school. The teacher did all that could be done under such circumstances, and in our judgment would do well in any common school. We understand that this district intends to apply to the proper authorities to be set off with the adjoining district in Webster. We hope proper means may be taken to prevent this. The proper thing to be done, is to consolidate all the districts embraced within a circle, passing round the village a mile and a half distant, and to insti-

tute a graded school. We have heard but one objection to this,—the expense. Let some careful business man estimate the comparative expense of each system for a period of years, say five or ten, and we are sure that the change would be found the most economical course.

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DISTRICT No. 24.

Summer School—1st Session—Miss Eva F. Burnham was employed to teach the Summer term of this school. Her course was entirely satisfactory to the committee. Among the excellences developed under her instruction, we note the cheerful and ready obedience, the studious habits, and the promptness in recitation, which particularly distinguishes the pupils in this district. One fault, tardiness, demands correction.

Fall School—2d Session—The Fall term was taught by Miss Susie B. Smart, of Sanbornton. She spared no labor to promote the best interests of the school. Her success must be measured by the perfect understanding which her scholars had of the subjects to which they had attended. The discipline was satisfactory. This district has been very fortunate in a succession of superior teachers.

Winter School—3d Session—Miss Susie B. Smart, of Sanbornton, teacher. Miss Smart is a thorough and efficient teacher. Her manner of conducting recitations was systematic. Her method of teaching was of a high order, and admirably adapted to the purposes of instruction. Map-drawing, in the use of Guyot's Geography, was scientific. The utility of object teaching was visible. Topical and descriptive recitations of young scholars exceeded any that have come under my observation. The progress in all studies was excellent.

DYER H. SANBORN, CHRISTIE W. BURNHAM, GROVENOR A. CURTICE,

Superintending School Committee of Hopkinton. Hopkinton, N. H., March 1, 1869.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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No. of Districts.	Term.	Names of Teachers.	Whole No. scholars.	Average attendance.	School in weeks.	Wages of Teachers a month, including board.	S. S. Com. visits.	Prud. Com. visits.	Citizens' visits.	Times tardy.	Mural maps.	Outline maps.
1	Fall (private)	Priscilla A. Kimball Sarah U. Kimball George W. Currier, Esq	. 27	23 31	6	\$20.00 16.00 28.00	2	1	26		Map of N. H.	1 set.
2 3	(Summer	Mary E. Rowell E. Harvey Edmunds Julia R. Clough E. Harvey Edmunds	. 22	19 10		16.00 37.00 10.00 37.00	3 2	1	9 13 8 9	6 33		1 set.
4	Summer	Clara A. Flanders Josie Page Eva F. Burnham Cordelia M. Withee	. 14	11	10	20.00 20.00 22.00 15.00	200	3	11 31 41 17	22 8 40 3		
6	Winter Summer Winter	Cordelia M. Withee Ellen H. Sargent Ellen H. Sargent	. 18	10 16 17	8 7 9	16.00 20.00 22.00 16.00	222	1	12 16 26 25	16 50 58 38		1 set. New.
8	Winter	Ruth A. Livingston Ruth A. Livingston Anna R. Clifford Priscilla A. Kimball	. 24	17	15	16.00 18.00 16.00	2	1	16 17 17	4 4 30		1 set.
10	Summer		. 60	50 40	11	20.00 24.00 40.00	23	5	8 115 65 12	6 38 78 14	Cl'ek.	
11	Winter (Summer	Mary E. Brown	. 24	21		16.00 20.00 16.00	3	2	12	31		1 set.
13	Summer Winter	Joanna Richardson	. 23	25	10	28.00 18.00 32.00 14.00	2		19 38 40 14	22 10	Map U. S.	1 set.
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